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SUBJ: SECRETARY'S VISIT TO LUSAKA

REF: A. STATE 92515, B. LUSAKA 904

1. AFTER HEARING OUT CHONA (LUSAKA REFTTEL) ON WHAT ZAMBIANS THOUGHT SECY SHOULD SAY IN HIS MAJOR FOREIGN POLICY STATEMENT TO BE MADE IN ZAMBIA, I TACTFULLY SAID SINCE WE BOTH DESIRE A SUCCESSFUL VISIT TO AFRICA AND ZAMBIA, I HOPED THERE WOULD BE NO RPT NO DISCORDANT NOTES ON LOCAL SCENE. I DREW ATTENTION TO APR 18 ARTICLE IN TIMES OF ZAMBIA IN WHICH FREE-WHEELING HEADLINE WRITER SAID: "MUZOREWA PLANS KISSINGER SNUB" WHICH BORE NO RELATION EITHER TO WHAT ANC LEADER SAID OR INTENDED.

2. EXPRESSED REGRET THAT TIMES OF ZAMBIA SEEMED TO BE BENT ON ANTI-AMERICAN CRITICISM, EVEN AFTER THE PRESIDENT PERSONALLY SACKED RADICAL EDITORIAL WRITER BILL SAIDI WHO HAD BEEN AT THE ROOT OF MUCH OF THIS CRITICISM AS WELL BEING OUT OF TUNE WITH ZAMBIA'S GUIDING PHILOSOPHY AND GOALS.

3. CHONA IMMEDIATELY GRASPED POINT I WAS MAKING, ESPECIALLY AS HE PLAYING ON SIMILAR THEME IN REMINDING US THAT SECY WOULD BE SPEAKING IN PRESENCE OF KAUNDA. THEN TURNING TO TIMES OF ZAMBIA PROBLEM, CHONA SAID THIS NEWSPAPER, EDITED IN NDOLA, CONTINUED TO GIVE GOVT
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PROBLEMS, EVEN THOUGH ITS OWNERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT HAD

THEORETICALLY BEEN TAKEN OVER SOME MONTHS AGO BY RULING
PARTY. CHONA SAID THERE WERE TWO NIGERIANS WORKING ON
THE PAPER WHO WERE CONTINUING SAIDI'S WORK AND WERE
PERHAPS UNDER HIS INFLUENCE. HE IMPLIED THAT HE INTENDED
TO TAKE ACTION AGAINST THEM BEFORE SECY'S VISIT.
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